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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(Currently Amended) A laundry detergent or cleaner which comprises microdisperse, hydrophilic silicate-containing particles having an electrically charged surface and a particle size of from 2 to 50 nm, said particles are selected from the group consisting of colloidal silica gels, colloidal silica sols, saponites and mixtures thereof said laundry detergent or cleaner comprising at least one hydrophobicizing agent.

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6.(Currently Amended) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in [[claim 5]] claim 1, wherein the hydrophobicizing agent is selected from the group consisting of ~~silicones, silicone oils,~~ fluorosilicone oils, soil release polymers, cationic surfactants, organic fluorine compounds, and mixtures thereof.

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8.(Original) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises 0.01 to 10% by weight of said silicate-containing particles, 0.01 to 10% by weight of hydrophobicizing agents and 80 to 99.8% by weight of other laundry detergent/cleaner ingredients.

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9.(Original) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises 0.01 to 10% by weight of said silicate-containing particles, 0.01 to 10% by weight of hydrophobicizing agent, 0.5 to 60% by weight of interface-active substances and 20 to 99.48% by weight of other laundry detergent ingredients.

10.(Original) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises 0.01 to 10% by weight of said silicate-containing particles, 0.5 to 60% by weight of interface-active substances, and 30 to 99.49% by weight of other laundry detergent/cleaner ingredients.

11.(Currently Amended) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises other laundry detergent/cleaner ingredients selected from the group consisting of builders, cobuilders, alkali suppliers, anionic, nonionic, zwitterionic and nonionic surfactants, antifoams, dispersants, complexing agents, bleaches, bleach activators and bleach catalysts, [[and/or]] enzymes, and mixtures thereof.

12.(Currently Amended) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, in [[the form]] a form selected from the group consisting of a heavy-duty detergent, compact heavy-duty detergent, compact color detergent, heavy-duty detergent of low bulk density, and a special detergent, [[such as]] wherein said special detergent is selected from the group consisting of a laundry after-treatment composition,

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laundry softener, stain-removal salts, bleach booster, net curtain detergent, wool detergent, modular detergent [[or]] and Industrial detergent.

13.(Currently Amended) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 1, in the form of a cleaner for hard surfaces, [[e.g.]] wherein said hard surfaces are selected from the group consisting of facade, glass, metal, window, floor, and [[or]] carpet cleaner.

14.(Currently Amended) The laundry detergent or cleaner as claimed in claim 13, in the form selected from the group consisting of a hand dishwashing detergent, machine dishwashing detergent, machine dishwashing cleaner, and [[or]] rinse aid.

15.(Currently Amended) A process for releasing soil and reducing the tendency for resoiling in laundry detergents and cleaners comprising adding to said laundry detergents and cleaners microdisperse, hydrophilic silicate-containing particles having a particle size of from 9 to 50 nm, an electrically charged surface, and said particles being selected from the group consisting of colloidal silica gels, colloidal silica sols, hectorites, saponites and mixtures thereof, said laundry detergents and cleaners comprising at least one hydrophobicizing agent as surface-coating agents.

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21.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 15 ~~claim 20~~, wherein the hydrophobicizing agent are selected from the group consisting of ~~silicones, silicone oils,~~ fluorosilicone oils, soil release polymers, cationic surfactants, fluorine compounds, and mixtures thereof.